

SERVING WITH HONOR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

MORNING

Opening Prayer Bob Mantie

Song Director Stephen English

Sermon Scott Shanahan

..... "Jeremiah's Call "

Scripture Reading Jake Newcomb

..... Jeremiah 1:1-9 (NKJV)

Closing Prayer Doug Lee

Serving Communion (Left - Right):

Allan Overton Cooper Jennings

Jack Overton Judsen Jennings

..... Gabriel Lee (Balcony)

Comments Chris Davis

EVENING

Opening Prayer Joe King

Singing Holden Raley

Scripture Reading Brett Napier

Scripture II Peter 3:1-9

Comments Chris Davis

Worship Service and Preparation:

Make Comm. Bread Emily Winfree

Comm. Prep Jennings family

PowerPoint Lori Mense

Secure Building Doug Lee

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Director Gabriel Lee

Opening Prayer Doug Lee

Summer Series Jack Webb

..... "Stewardship of Leadership"

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Sunday Bible Class 185

AM Worship 225

PM Worship 139

Wed. Night Bible Class 163

Contribution : \$9,913

Weekly Budget : \$12,029

2025 Avg. Contribution : \$10,676

TIMES OF SERVICES:

Sunday AM Bible Class	9:00 am
Sunday AM Worship	10:00 am
Sunday PM Worship	6:00 pm
Wednesday PM Bible Class	6:30 pm

Visitors:

Thank you for coming!

You are our honored guest!

For more information about the church, spiritual topics, our classes, and activities, there is a tract rack at the entrance of the auditorium for your convenience.

Or, ask any member for assistance.

Please take a moment to fill out a visitors card, or sign our guest book so that we might have a record of your attendance. Thank you!

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADMINISTRATION

• Deadline for all bulletin items is Thursday, by noon.

• If interested in utilizing the library, please reserve with Blisse or Lisa.

• Apologetics Press Study Bibles available for purchase - see Blisse.

• Reminder: If you use online giving, please consider covering the processing fees as part of you contribution.

FOOD PANTRY

• Food Pickup : 9/9/25 @ 9:30 AM

• Preparing Boxes:

• 9/9/25 @ 5:30 PM

• 9/10/25 @ 9:30 AM

• Distribution : 9/11/25 @ 2:30 PM

Please consider donating canned goods.

EDUCATION

• Adult and Children Bible classes available on Sundays @ 9 AM and Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM.

• Willing to teach? See Chris Davis!

OWLS BIBLE STUDY

Hebrews

"Jesus is Better"

Every Thursday @ 10:00 AM

<WiFi Password posted in Foyer>

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Evangelism Troy Spradlin

Finance Richard McCool

Fellowship Jeff Scott*

Involvement Joe Taylor*

Lads to Leaders David English

OWLS Stephen Fulton

Missions Mike Scott*

Visitation Bob Locklin

Kingdom Kids Dane Harrington*

Worship Blake Hatcher*

Youth & Family Casey Bearden

..... Matthew McReynolds*

Margaret Street CHURCH of CHRIST

Welcome! We're glad you are here!

Sunday - August 17, 2025

A Bible-based, Christ-centered, Family-focused, Mission-minded church.

Compassion, Not Sacrifice

by Trevor Smoot

Legal language can be a double-edged sword. Contracts can be written such that some technical exception can help someone escape legal obligations, for better or for worse. How precisely a law is written can make the difference between innocence and criminal guilt or civil liability. Tactically navigating laws to maximize their potential for personal gain has taken place throughout history. It can pay off – often literally – to be very familiar with the law to protect yourself, your family, or your assets. Your spirit can also benefit from this effort (though you’ll find a search for loopholes to be both valueless and impossible).

During the time of Jesus’ ministry, the Savior was constantly confronted with the hypocritical Pharisees – the ‘lawyers’ of their day. At one point, some of this group witnessed Jesus enjoying a meal with “many tax collectors and sinners” (Matthew 9:10f). Upon seeing this, they asked His disciples, “Why is your Teacher eating with the tax collectors and sinners?” (v. 11). Whether this question was contemptuous or sincere is not especially clear; regardless the “Teacher” addressed the error in their question. “But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire compassion, and not sacrifice,’ for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners” (v. 13).

It was this phrase, “I desire compassion, and not sacrifice,” to which Jesus drew their attention. Bibles which have footnotes (the tiny numbers or letters above the words) often direct readers to Hosea 6:6, and rightly so. By quoting the Old Testament, Christ was intentionally directing these students of the Law to the Scriptures which they were responsible for both knowing, teaching, and faithfully applying. Also noteworthy is that within the Old Testament are several passages to which the footnote may conceivably direct (cf. Psalm 51:16, 40:6; I Samuel 15:22; Micah 6:6-8). Nevertheless, the principle is adequately understood: God wants compassion more than sacrifice.

Given how many laws within the Torah (Genesis – Deuteronomy) instruct on the subject of sacrifice, this might seem pretty hard to believe. There are laws about what to sacrifice, when to sacrifice, where to offer it, who can offer it, how they ought to offer it, and even a fair number of reasons why! There are several different types of sacrifices, at that! How it is that God, the One instructing in all this precision, prefers anything to sacrifice may seem hard to wrap the mind around. Its truth is both undeniable and glorious.

What exactly this phrase means can be understood by following Jesus’ instruction to examine it as the subject appears. In Hosea, it appears as though people offered sacrifices without showing sincere love to God or His people. In several of the other passages which deal with this concept, the speaker glorifies God by humbling himself to having a contrite or dedicated heart. Each occurrence has its own nuance and demands a closer examination than this article has time for, but they all have something in common: God’s interest is in the faithful love of the one offering a sacrifice. In other words, if there is no faith or love associated with sacrifice, it is meaningless.

Had the Pharisees done their homework prior to challenging Jesus’ motives for eating with certain people, they might have understood that the Law was built upon the two greatest commands (cf. Matt. 22:36-40). Fortunately, we who have the whole Bible – the entire revealed Word of God – are able to examine just what the Lord instructed. We would do well to learn that which the Pharisees failed to then understand: earnest, compassionate hearts are necessary to be approved by God, not merely running through the motions.



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MSYG EVENTS & INFO

GULF COAST AREA WIDE 2025-2026

MIRAGE

IN THE MESSAGE

AUGUST 17 @ AZALEA CITY

YG BIRTHDAY NIGHT

Wed. August 20

4:45 pm in the FH



MSYG

LAST BLAST OF SUMMER

Saturday, August 23

10 AM - 2 PM

Grandparents Day Luncheon

September 7th

Immediately after AM services

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE:

"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35)

UNTANGLED

Wild About God's Divine Plan

VBS DEBRIEF!

August 20th

AFTER SERVICES

WAR ROOM

Yg Prayer Night

20:5:45

AUG. 1 PM

TEEN ROOM

AUGUST 24

L2L KICKOFF

7 PM

ATTENTION!

Any MSYG students with Fall extra-curricular activities, please submit a schedule to Casey ASAP.



Digital access to our Calendars on your computer or personal device.

Scan this QR Code for the Church Calendar on teamup.com

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Recent/Urgent Requests

- David Black-lung collapse, recover (McGriff*)
- Cassie Buchanant*-pelvic pain
- Sherryn Canniff*- recovery, health
- Janice Carter* - sprained her neck, recovery
- David English* - test results, prayers
- Torrie Finney - medical (Jak's neice)
- Barbara Helms*-outpatient procedure, recover
- Eddie Longmire* - procedure for bloodflow
- Richard McCool* - knee replaced, recovery
- Mary McGriff* - ultrasound, test results
- Rex Palmer* - hospital, prayers (Hatcher*)
- Rusty Pierce - heart surgery, recovery
- Lee Roberts - open heart surgery (TRussell*)
- Lewie Joe Smith - triple bypass surgery
- Paula Turner* - open heart surgery, recovery
- Ryan Turner - heart issues (Rob's* brother)

Grieving a Loss

- Mary Lou* & family - loss of mother, Annie
- Davis/Napier families - loss of Jack Davis
- Jeanna English & fam. - loss of mom, Faye
- Myrna Fuller - loss of her daughter
- Good family* - loss of daughter in law, Mary
- Scott Graham* family - loss of Scott
- Hatcher family* - loss of grandmother, Edith
- Peggy Masoner family - loss of Peggy*
- Elsa Nunes* - loss of friend, Bernita Kobi
- Sharon & Brittany Parker - loss of Tim Parker
- Andrea Spradlin* - loss of mother, Joyce
- Lisa Webb* - loss of father, James Richard

Assisted Living / Shut-Ins / Rehab

- Ron Bartanen* - Victorian Manor
- Viola Burgess* - South FL
- Sherryn Canniff* - Metro West Nurse/Rehab
- Sherry Davis*-The Residence(Davis/Napier*)
- Donna Dudley-Life Care Center (S. Davis*)
- Laura Elliot - homebound (S. Lee* mom)
- Bobbie Garcia*- Fort Walton Beach
- Larry Lester - Eden of Crestview
- Ina Ruth Miller* - Coral Bay of Pensacola
- Lillian Raines* - Victorian Manor
- Lee Smith- Arcadia, rm.236 (ELipford mom*)
- Marlene Smith - (Fulton*)

Military

- John Bartell - Washington, DC
- Javanta Johnson - NAS Jacksonville Airforce
- Amya Huey* - Italy
- Anthony Turner - Saudia Arabia (R.Turner*)

Other Requests / Health Issues

- Patricia Ann* - recovery, health
- Gerry Baldwin - health (J.Pace sister)
- Wilson Barnes - diabetes complications (Jak*)
- John & Gale Broadfoot - health
- Robbie Bullard-aneurysm/defect valve (Lee*)
- Angela DAlessandro - health issues
- Allen Davis - (C.Davis'* father)
- Wilfred Derrick - doing good (RRay* brother)
- Keturah Dickey - MS (K. Longmire*)
- Paul England - health issues
- Myrna Fuller*- health, prayers
- Dixie Gorham - heart failure
- Edwina Harris - health (J.Pace* sister)
- Kurt Harvey - pulled muscle (pantry)
- Kenna Jackson - (Kristina P's* friend)
- David Jones - Alzheimer's (Kenya*)
- Jacob & Kylie Jones - car accident (Kenya*)
- Joe Lewis - lupus
- Yvonne Loomis-bypass-leg, Baptist (Nunes*)
- Matthew Malinowski - prayers, encourage
- Ron Miller- esophagus infection (Ina Ruth*)
- Jeffery Norman - transplant list (Nunes*)
- Sharon Parker* - tests, health
- Trish Powell - wayward (Jak*)
- Renee Ray* - recovery @ home
- Kara Ritchie - blood disorder (M.Scott*)
- Mary Lee Smith - heart issues (McGriff*)
- Edwina Sumrall - continued prayers

Students in College

- Haley Bartell
- Jackson Davis
- Stephen English
- Caitlyn English
- Judsen Jennings
- Jackson Lash
- Ayla Napier
- Caleb Owens
- LizAnn Webb
- Elliot Wilson
- Reed Wilson
- Lexi Wildes

Expectant Mothers

- Brandy Hogan - August 2025 (Lipford*)
- Brooklyn Bostwick* - November 2025
- Andrea Weekley - December 2025 (Avalon)
- Kaelie Hancock - January 2026
- Holly Andino* - February 2026
- Hannah Newcomb* - February 2026

Mission Works

- Shanahans* - Mission Italy
- Eliezer Perez - San Lorenzo, Paraguay
- Trevor Smoot - Domestic Missions
- Sebastain Garcia - Brazil
- SRC Correctional Institute

Cancer

- Ron Bartanen* - lung
- Misty Bray - (Bird*)
- Lilly Cain - bladder (R. Locklin* sister)
- Jimmy Calhoun - (Mike Scott*)
- Micki Clopton - (frmer member)
- Sheryl Downy - (Burnham*)
- Keith Echols - (L.Lester*)
- Geodee Fred - (C.Bartanen*)
- Ambia Kitchen - (Pantry)
- Mari Krussow - (Overton*)
- Tierney Lancaster - rare blood (Baxley*)
- Greg Lewis*
- Connie Moore - (Fulton*)
- Donald McGriff*
- Dee Mulligan - lung (Crystal's* mom)
- Angelica Rapson - Stage 4 (Smith*)
- Lewie Joe Smith - (Jeanna E.* brother)
- Maedell Palmer - (Hatcher*)
- Amy Prince - (Burnham*)
- Meg Stojanik - (Hatcher*)
- Joe Taylor*
- David Walther - brain (English*)
- Dalyn Wilson - travels, treatments (officer)
- Bailey Worrell - brain (Hatcher*)

2025 Recently Baptized/Restored/Identified

- Eddie and Alicia Lynn - Baptized, 1/4/25
- Matthew Zimmerman - Baptized, 3/8/25
- Makayla Armand - Baptized 3/10/25
- Cain Baker - Baptized 3/10/25
- Philip Carnathan - Baptized 3/29/25
- Bella Hudgens - Baptized 5/9/25
- Elena Hudgens - Baptized 5/9/25
- Corrie Davis - Baptized 6/13/25
- Avie Napier - Baptized 6/13/25
- Ainsley Napier - Baptized 6/13/25
- Tim Luker - Baptized, 6/26/25
- Tucker Davis - Baptized, 7/13/25
- Brian Richards - Baptized, 7/25/25
- Daniel Musk - Baptized, 8/10/25
- Bob & Gail Mantie - Identified, 1/12/25
- Tim & Caroline Locklin - Identified, 4/13/25
- Sean & Holly Andino fam. - Identified, 5/4/25
- Rob and Brittany Turner - Identified, 6/22/25
- Ashley Luker - Restored, 6/26/25

Elders & Deacons Ministry Meeting

TODAY— 4:30 PM

FIFTH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL

AUGUST 31

RIGHT AFTER AM SERVICE

Italian Style!

Bring any Italian dish you want